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Subpart A—General

§ 700.1 What is the purpose of these standards?

- (a) The standards in this part implement section 912(i) of the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination, and Improvement Act of 1994.
- (b) These standards are intended to ensure that activities carried out by the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (the Office) meet the highest standards of professional excellence.

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§ 700.2 What activities must be governed by these standards?

- (a) The standards in this part are binding on all activities carried out by the Office using funds appropriated under section 912(m) of the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination, and Improvement Act of 1994.
- (b) Activities carried out with funds appropriated under section 912(m) of the Act include activities carried out by the following entities or programs:
 - (1) The National Research Institutes.
- (2) The Office of Reform Assistance and Dissemination.
- (3) The Educational Resources Information Center Clearinghouses.
- (4) The Regional Educational Laboratories.
- (5) The Teacher Research Dissemination Demonstration Program.
 (6) The Goals 2000 Community Part-
- nerships Program.
 (7) The National Educational Re-

search Policy and Priorities Board.

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§ 700.3 What additional activities may be governed by these standards?

(a) The Secretary may elect to apply the standards in this part to activities carried out by the Department using funds appropriated under an authority other than section 912(m) of the Act.

(b)(1) If the Secretary elects to apply these standards to a competition for new grant or cooperative agreement awards, the Secretary announces, in a notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, the extent to which these standards are applicable to the competition.